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Literary Society Social and Debate

Under the Literary Society and the Congregation of the Union Church, in the Grand Theatre, Empress, on Thursday, January the 25th at 8 o'clock, there will be held a Box Social and Debate. No admission.

All the ladies of the congregation and those interested are asked to bring a box.

Debate: "Resolved that Canada should be warranted in requiring of all her male citizen's of military service with the colors."

For the affirmative, Mr. D. McEachern and Mr. R. Pool; for the negative Mr. J. Cusack and Mr. K. J. Lacy.

Come and have a social time.

Marconigram

East San Pedro, Cal.,
Steamer President,
Empress Publication, Jan. 16th
Empress.

Steamer President, mid-ocean have aboard N. D. Storey and wife, Herbert Demorest and wife, Eugene McFarland and wife, William Norris and sister.

Not Signed.

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NOTICE

Empress, Alta., Dec. 26
To all Policy Holders.

The annual meeting of the Farmers Union Mutual Fire Insurance Co. will be held in the office of John Cusack, at Empress, Alta., on Thursday, January 25, 1917, at the hour of two o'clock.

By order,
JOHN CUSACK,
Manager.

THE Girl AND THE Game
SATURDAY, JAN. 18th

Iron Claw
Monday
at the
Grand Theatre

Board of Trade Annual Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Board of Trade will be held in the city hall, this Thursday evening, at 8 p.m. The principal business is the election of officers for 1917, and a new board of directors. There is also considerable other important business to be transacted, and all members are requested to be present. The board has a lot of important business now under way for the ensuing year and it is the duty of every member who is at all interested in the general welfare of the town to be present at this annual meeting and assist in selecting an efficient set of officers who will undertake to carry the present plans to a successful conclusion. The Board of Trade now has only 43 active members. This is about one quarter of the number who should be on the membership roll. The dues are only one dollar per year, and every male resident of the town should have sufficient civic pride to see that his name is on the roll without solicitation. The slogan of the board for the coming year will be "Every man get a man" and it will be up to each and every member to do so either by bribery, argument or kidnapping, whichever means may be found necessary in exceptional cases. There is a business which hovers over unsummed spines. Money to be healthy, has to be got out into the open air, so dig down deep and bring forth that lonely dollar for your 1917 dues. The secretary has five of these, and the slightest necessity may seem at times. There seems to be a very general impression among the members that there is such a thing as joy in art and one's work as secretary of the board of trade. The dues of \$5 per month was voted at the last annual meeting to be paid to the secretary, but this seems to be nominal from every standpoint as no coin of the realm has been flashed within that worthy's vision for some time. The local board of trade has accomplished a great many improvements for the town and there is neither real nor apparent reason why it should not have the support of every man in Empress. Think this over and make it a point to be at the meeting tonight, and don't forget to bring along your dollar for 1917 dues.

Typewriters, typewriter supplies, counter check books, all kinds of printed and commercial stationery, etc.; call or write us.—The Empress Express

The proceeds of the Masked Ball will again be devoted to the Belgian Relief Fund, and everybody should attend for this very reason. Certainly the Belgians' need of help has not lessened, but rather increased. Three million women, children and old men are depending for food for life itself—on the Belgian Relief Commission. The Commission in turn depends on us, Canadians, to supply a substantial share of the necessary food or the money with which to buy it. If we fall short in our contributions, thousands of Belgian kiddies must go painfully, if not fatally, short in their food supply. Therefore everybody turn out and in this way do a little to help to support the cause.

Why Subscription Rates Advance

We are frequently asked, "what makes a higher subscription price necessary?" "Are other papers advancing their subscriptions?" etc. After a perusal of the following, no doubt our readers will more thoroughly understand the present situation.

Conditions in the Canadian newspaper world are fast approaching a crisis. The generally increased cost of paper, ink, type, and everything that goes into the making of a newspaper has absorbed the earnings of a great many dailies. Others are being conducted at a loss.

From "Fort William" to the coast some dozen or more papers have already suspended publication. Several in Ontario have given up the struggle and one of the latest to close its doors has been the Morning Daily News of Evening News of Montreal. This paper was edited and managed by two of the most brilliant of Canadian newspaper men, M. E. Nichols and B. A. McNab. The announcement of their failure to "carry on" followed closely on the absorption of the Ottawa Free Press by the Journal. We doubt not that before the birds return again a great many more newspapers in the country will be forced to suspend publication.

The weekly paper is touched in the same proportion as the daily, in fact they have to pay considerably more per ton than the dailies for their print paper. The former secure their supply in large rolls, while the latter, owing to the paper being cut into sheets, have to have it wrapped in bundles, the additional charges being for the cutting, wrapping, binding rope, etc.

Subscribe to your local paper and pay in advance. Send in your news, about your new house, your new barn, your new tractor, your new team, who is visiting you, who got married or who died, or who got a new baby.

That is what we exist for, to give the local news. The discussion of local questions are vital to your life as any world wide issues. The local paper doesn't exist for the purpose of telling you what the world is doing, nor to discuss matters touching the affairs of nations, its place is to keep you in touch with the neighbourhood. Nothing else can take its place. You can choose between big dailies, but you must take the local paper if you would know the local news. It is the fashion to poke fun at the local paper and its items of seemingly small importance, but without it none of these things would be recorded, and it is of more importance for you to know what is being done close to your home than to know what is happening a thousand miles away. If you must drop some paper this year, do not drop your local paper nor your own farm paper. The up-to-date farmer now has his farm paper as much as the city dweller. The local paper secures the commercial publication devoted to his interests. Read as wisely as you wish if you can afford it, but take your local paper and your farm publication away.

Brown's Drug Store will have a full line of all kinds of ink material for the Masked Ball, false faces, etc.

R.M. OF MANTARIO No. 262

The Council met at Patrick Shea's, 13 20-29, w3, on January 2nd, with Reeve Arcfield and Councillors Bell, McWhinney, Batty, Johnston, Scott and Harnett present.

The minutes of meeting of Dec. 16th were read and confirmed.

Batty—That the Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Secretary-Treasurer be and are hereby authorized in and in the name of The Rural Municipality of Mantario No. 262, to draw, accept, sign and make all or any bills of exchange, promissory notes, cheques and orders, for the payment of money; to pay and receive all moneys, and to give acquittance for same, to assign and transfer to the bank, all of any stocks, bonds, and other securities, from time to time to borrow money from the Union Bank of Canada, either by overdrawing the account of the undersigned or otherwise and generally for and in the name or on behalf of the said Municipality, to transact with any bank any business they may think fit.

Also that the aforesaid or any one of them be and are hereby authorized on behalf of the said Municipality, to negotiate with, deposit with, or transfer to the said bank (but for the credit of the said Municipal account only), all or any bills of exchange, promissory notes, cheques, or orders for the payment of money and other negotiable paper and for the said purpose to endorse the same or any of them on behalf of the said Municipality, also from time to time, to arrange, settle, balance, and certify all books and accounts between the said Municipality and the bank, and to receive all paid cheques and vouchers, and to sign the bank forms of settlement of balances and release. Carried.

A bylaw was introduced respecting the securing of a line of credit by the Municipality, from the Union Bank, Alsea, for the year 1914.

McWhinney—That the bylaw receive its first reading. Carried.

Scott—That the bylaw receive its second reading. Carried.

Batty—That the bylaw receive its third reading, and be finally passed, signed and sealed.

ed and numbered 16. Carried.

Bell—That the following accounts be paid:
Empress Hardware, div. No. 1.150; Empress Lumber Yards Lumber, culverts div. No. 1.3775; Thos. Lees, cutting weeds on road in div. No. 4.55. Car. Batty—That S. E. Spicer be and is hereby appointed municipal auditor for the year 1917, at a salary of \$25 per audit. Carried.

Harnett—That Councillor McWhinney be and is hereby appointed deputy reeve for the first quarter of 1917. Carried. (continued on centre page)

BRECHON-McMORAN

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crocker, at Empress, on Thursday, January 11, when Mary Agnes McMORAN, of Social Plains, was united in marriage to Mr. Frank Thomson Brechon. The Rev. Geo. L. Ritchie performed the ceremony. The bride and bridegroom were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Bart Leeper. After the ceremony wedding breakfast was partaken of at the Empress Grill.

We have gone carefully over our mailing list and made all corrections. If the date on your label is not correct, let us know.

If your subscription expired at the end of the old year, there is no better time to renew than now.

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- 5.—The war in which we are engaged is a righteous cause, a struggle for Truth, Liberty and for the sacredness of treaties and the given word.
- 6.—I cannot go myself, but I can help to make it possible for others to go by guaranteeing that their families will be provided for in their absence.
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- 9.—Those who have gone to the front are making greater sacrifices than anything I can do at home.
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Any member of the local committee will gladly receive your subscription and give you an official receipt for the amount. Members of the committee are Messrs. G. M. Johnston, M. A. Blodgett, Sec. R. D. Hamilton, John Cusack, M. A. McColl, F. H. Pearce and N. D. Storey.

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THURSDAY, JAN 18th, 1917

R.M. OF MANTARIO NO. 262

(continued from front page)

McWhinney—That the as-
sessment of the land of the
Municipality be done on the
same basis as in 1916. That the
land be classified into four
different grades, valued respec-
tively at (a) \$24.00, (b) \$21, (c)
\$18, and (d) \$15. Carried.

Harnett—That the offices of
Secretary-Treasurer and As-
sessor for 1917 be combined, and
that a salary of \$900 be paid.
Carried.

Johnston—That R. Stanley
Boag be re-appointed Secretary-
Treasurer and Assessor for the
year 1917. Carried.

Batty—That the bonds of the
Sec-Treas. for \$5000 be renewed
with the London Guarantee and
Bond Co., and that a cheque for
\$20 be sent to S. E. Spicer in
payment of the premium on
the said bonds. Carried.

Ardell—That each Councillor
and the Secretary-Treasurer be
and are hereby appointed In-
spector of wolf pits for this
Municipality for the year 1917.
Carried.

Harnett—That Dr. Whaley
be and hereby is appointed M.
H. O. for this Municipality for
the year 1917 at a salary of \$15
per annum. Carried.

Ardell—That the following
standing committees be ap-
pointed for the year 1917:

Assessment Committee—all the
members of the Council, John
Comm., all members of Council;
road comm., all members of the
council; finance comm., Coun-
cillors Batty and Johnston.
Carried.

McWhinney—That the Council
meetings for the year 1917
be held at Patrick Shea's, 13-20-
28, w3. Carried.

McWhinney—That the Council
meetings for the coming
year be held on the first Satur-
day in each month at 10 a.m.

Motion in amendment by John-
ston that the Council meetings
for the coming year be held on
the first Monday in each month
at 10 a.m.

Vote on amendment: Yeas,
Johnston, Ardell and Harnett;
nays, McWhinney, Scott, Batty
and Bell. Amendment lost.

Vote on motion: Yeas, Mc-
Whinney, Scott, Batty and Bell.
Nays, Johnston, Ardell and
Harnett. The motion carried.

Harnett—That the sum of
\$3 for each meeting be paid for
the rent of house for holding
council meetings for the year
1917. Carried.

Scott—That the Secretary-
Treasurer notify all ratepayers
in arrears for taxes, that unless
all taxes are paid by the 20th
day of February, 1917, the same
will be collected with costs by
distress. Carried.

Batty—That James M. Jen-
sen be and is hereby appointed
a special officer for this Muni-
cipality to collect by distress all
arrears of taxes not paid by
Feb. 20th. Carried.

Batty—That the Reeve and
Sec-Treas. be and are hereby
appointed a committee to inter-
view the municipal solicitors
and secure advice as to the
proper procedure to be fol-
lowed in the collection of taxes by
distrainment. Carried.

Harnett—That this Council
do now adjourn to meet again
at Patrick Shea's, 13-20-28, on
Saturday, Feb. 3rd, at 10 a.m.
Carried.

R. Stanley Boag,
Sec-Treas.

The Advances

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The regular monthly meeting of the adult bible class of the Union Sunday School, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leach Friday evening, January 12th. After the regular business session, with Mrs. McArthur in the chair, a social hour was pleasantly spent at which time the hostess served a tempting lunch. Nine new members were added to the class roll. The following members were present--Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. McNiven, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Lacy, Mr. and Mrs. Leach, Mr. W. Dawdy, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. M. Boyd and Mrs. S. Brown. The next regular meeting will be the 2nd Friday evening of February, at the home of Mrs. Botsford.

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Oats, street price, 45c; car lots Flax, by load, 2.30

Local and Personal

Mrs. J. P. Lawcock is spending this week visiting friends in Empress.

Look for the big posters announcing the Masked Ball, and the special feature this year.

A conservative estimate of the amount of all kinds of grain shipped from Empress up to January 15th of this year, places the amount at 535,000 bushels. This is an exceptionally good showing in view of the large amount of damage done in the district north of the Red Deer by rust and frost.

We are agents for Mitchell Nursery. Special rates on plantation orders, also to clubs of four farmers or more. Make your farm a place worth while.—The Empress Express.

Extensive preparations are now under way for holding the first Annual Seed Grain Fair under the auspices of the local agricultural society, in the Grand Theatre, next Tuesday and Wednesday, January 23rd and 24th. A prize list amounting to approximately \$150 is being offered in the different classes and a large number of the farmers of the district are making preparations to enter exhibits. Some of the machine agents are arranging to show models of grain cleaning machinery and indications now point to an all-around good show. All exhibits of grain must be in place by 9.30 Tuesday morning.

M. L. Haggins has gone to Southern Alberta to purchase a carload of horses.

The I.O.E. will meet at the home of Mrs. Cusack, on Tuesday next, January 23rd at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Brewster will serve lunch.

Announcement has been received of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Loeb, formerly of Empress, but now residents of New York city.

The Saint Valentine Masked Ball will be held Wednesday, February 14th.

J. R. C. McCreadie left on Friday morning for Peace River Landing to assume the position of general superintendent of bridge construction for the Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway. The company have an immense railroad bridge under construction at the landing over the Peace river and Mr. McCreadie expects to be engaged there for several months.

Unfortunately, through circumstances over which we had no control, there has been no Sunday school for the past two weeks, but it is hoped that nothing will intervene, and that next Sunday, at 2.30 p.m., there will be a large attendance. Everybody come and bring a friend. It will greatly help the officers and teachers if the parents will see that the children who have Lesson Quarterlies bring them with them.—Union Church Sunday School Sec.

Parties desiring to secure costumes for the Masked Ball may secure same from Messrs. Shepherd & McEachern.

Don't forget to attend the Board of Trade Annual General Meeting to-night.

This week sees the completion of the skating rink, and although a little late in the season it is better late than never. The school children and the public will now be able to enjoy a little outdoor recreation.

Rev. Geo. L. Ritchie arrived back Tuesday evening accompanied by his mother, who will make her home here.

A patriotic dance under the patronage of a few business men, took place on Wednesday evening. There was a fair crowd, and after deducting expenses the Patriotic Fund was added to the extent of \$15.00.

On Monday evening next, January 22nd, most of the stores and business places in town, will commence closing their doors at 7 p.m. every evening, except Saturdays, until further notice.

As before announced, following the seed fair on the 23rd of this month Mr. W. W. Thomson, who has been seed and weed commissioner with the Saskatchewan government will address meetings in the theatre morning and afternoon. Anyone having any questions to ask or needing information, come along and Mr. Thomson will help you out.

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